

Washington, D.C. - Congresswoman Melissa Bean (IL-08) today re-introduced a bill to help families adopt older children by providing an annual \$2,000 tax credit.

“This bill will help families who are willing to adopt older children transition from foster care to permanent adoption, so that more children can find the love and security that goes with finding their ‘forever family,’” Bean said.

The Advocates Dedicated to Older Child Parental Tax Credit, or ADOPT Act, creates an annual \$2,000 tax credit for families that adopt children age 9 or older. This credit, which would increase annually with inflation, expires when the child turns 18 and is in addition to the one-time adoption tax credit that already exists in federal law. That credit is \$12,150 this year.

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, of all the children adopted out of foster care, less than a third are children over the age of 9. The bill has been supported in previous years by child advocacy organizations such as Kids Hope United.

The ADOPT Act, H.R. 3409, is cosponsored by Reps. Shelley Berkley (NV-01), Steve Cohen (TN-09), Joe Crowley (NY-07), Artur Davis (AL-07), Danny Davis (IL-07), Dean Heller (NV-02), Brad Sherman (CA-27) and John Shimkus (IL-19). It will now be sent to the Ways and Means Committee for consideration.